विवरण ।।

सरकार द्वारा वन्यजीव जन्तुओं की सुरक्षा के लिए उठाए गए कदम

(1) कानून द्वारा अनुसूचित वन्यजीव जन्तुओं के शिकार करने पर प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है।

(2) शिकार रोधी अवसंरचना को मजबूत बनाने के लिए राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र की सरकारों को केन्द्रीय सहायता दी जाती है।

(3) बाघों, हाथियों और गैंडों तथा उनके वासस्थलों की सुरक्षा एवं परिरक्षण के लिए विशिष्ट स्कीमों को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है।

(4) जब कभी वन्यजीव जन्तुओं के अवैध व्यापार की सूचना वन्यजीव प्राधिकारियों को मिलती है तो वे छापे मारते हैं।

(5) वन्य वनस्पतिजात और प्राणिजात के परिरक्षण के लिए वन्यजीव अभयारण्यों और राष्ट्रीय उद्यानों के एक नेटवर्क की स्थापना की गई है। राज्य सरकारों के अनुरोध पर राष्ट्रीय उद्यानों और अभयारण्यों के विकास के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है।

(6) जीवजन्तुओं की संकटापन्न प्रजातियों और उनसे निर्मित वस्तुओं के अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार को वन्य प्राणिजात और वनस्पतिजात की संकटापन्न प्रजातियों के अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार सम्बन्धी कन्वेंशन (साइट्स) के उपबंधों के तहत विनियमित किया जाता है।

(7) देश के प्रायः प्रमुख निर्यात केन्द्रों पर वन्यजीव उत्पादों की तस्करी को रोकने के लिए वन्यजीवन संरक्षण के क्षेत्रीय और उप-क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय स्थापित किए गए हैं।

Producers of House on Wheels and Caravans

*55. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many producers of 'House on Wheels' or 'Caravans' are there in the country and what is their annual production;

(b) what is the policy of Government in this regard;

(c) what is being done to encourage such production; and

(d) whether Government plan any camping sites for such caravans in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). As per Motor Vehicles Act there are no vehicles called 'House on Wheels' or 'Caravans'. The Government have also no specific scheme for assistance in the production of House on Wheels and Caravans for for setting up of any camping sites.

Misuse of TADA

*56. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons booked under TADA during last five years is more than one lakh;

(b) wheher it is also a fact that the TADA Act has been blindly misused by Government and by the police;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whetser Government have any proposal to repeal the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Though some complaints have been received regarding misuse of the Act, it is not correct to say that the Act has been blindly misused by the Government and the Police.

(d) All aspects, including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement on TADA, are under examination of the Government.

Jurisdicion of the Delhi Regional Pass-Post Office

*57. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jurisdiction of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi has been extended;

(b) if so, the names of the additional areas covered under this extension;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to ensure that this extension does not lower the efficiency and potentiality of this office;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to extend the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Offices in Southern India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The jurisdiction of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi has been extended, with effect from 13 February 1995, to include the districts of Meerut and Ghaziabad in U.P. and the districts of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Rohtak and Sonepat in Haryana.

The Staff deployment at the Regional Passport Office in Delhi is adequate to meet the increased workload which would result from the additions of these six districts from U.P. and Haryana.

No such proposal for extension of jurisdiction of the offices in the Southern region is presently pending with Government.

Fire in ONGC Oil rig off Andhra Pradesh Coast

*58. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREM J. JHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC oil rig off Andhra Pradesh Coast was gutted after blowout on January 8, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the causes and the reasons for this blow-out; if so, what is the outcome of this enquiry;

(d) what is the extent of loss suffered as a result of this blow-out;

(e) what are the details of the compensation given to the persons affected by this incident; and

(f) whether the oil well and the rig have been restored to proper working position; if not, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a result of a sudden uncontrolled gushing of natural gas under high pressure the well caught fire.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Enquiry Committee has submitted its report to ONGC and is under examination. In the